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### Recent experiences in Germany

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Thank you so much for all the information you supply helping me grow in my understanding and support of the ordination of women in Australia.

My main reason for contacting you, is to share my recent experience attending Worship Services in Germany.

I was part of a group of Australians who recently attended Worship Services in the Berlin Dom, the Frauenkirche in Dresden and the Wittenberg Castle Church.

The wonderful part of these services was that they were all led by lady pastors, who made us most welcome, and were happy to have their photos taken with our group (see below).

I was amazed to hear from Pastor Dr Petra Zimmermann, that the ordination of women in Germany began back in the 1960s. Dr Petra was shocked to hear of the situation in Australia. She was not aware that the vote had been defeated so many times. "Australia is a progressive country" she said. "Why is the church there dragging behind on the issue of women's ordination?" she commented.

I hope this may be of interest to you and also encouraging for you all to go forward.

God Bless, keep and guide you all.

Pastor Colin Huf

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*1. Berlin Dom - Pastor Dr Petra Zimmermann; 2. Frauenkirche in Dresden - Pastor Angelika Behnke; and 3. Wittenberg Castle Church – Pastor Gabriele Metzner.*

